

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 8/28/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Kimberly Miramon, Behavioral Health CFO, 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve renewal contracts (Clerk's File) for Fiscal Year 2012-13 in the collective amount not to exceed \$55,000 with Atascadero Unified School District (AUSD), San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD), and Lucia Mar Unified School District (LMUSD) under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign, the renewal contracts for FY 2012-13 in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$55,000 with Atascadero Unified School District, San Luis Coastal Unified School District, and Lucia Mar Unified School District under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal, EPSDT, SELPA, AUSD, LMUSD, SLCUSD	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$55,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$55,000	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>10/18/2011</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director

Karen Baylor, Ph.D., MFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 8/28/2012

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DISCUSSION

Under Federal law, special education students who require educationally related mental health services in order to benefit from their education are entitled to receive mental health services as part of their right to a free appropriate public education.

Previously under California law, the local county mental health plans were mandated through Government Code 7570, also known as AB 3632, to provide educationally related mental health services. Effective October 8, 2010, responsibility to ensure special education students receive these services falls to local school districts and their local Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPA), the State-designated regional entity responsible for overseeing and supporting the delivery of services to special education children. The County has a separate contract with San Luis Obispo SELPA to facilitate coordination and funding for all educationally related mental health services provided throughout all of San Luis Obispo County.

All three school districts have requested the County continue to provide educationally related mental health services for their special education students. The contracts facilitate a team approach with school staff and County staff to provide support and coordination to serve each child's needs as identified on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Staff from County Behavioral Health and Family Care Network will provide individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management and consultation services, and crisis intervention. Below are teams for each school district:

School	# Mental Health Therapists	# Behavioral Specialists	# Classrooms Served	# Students Per Classroom	Total Students
Atascadero USD	1	2	2	10	20
San Luis Coastal USD	2	4	4	10	40

Lucia Mar USD	1	2	3	10	30
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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget includes the costs associated with providing educationally related mental health services to children with an eligible IEP.

When the educationally related mental health services are provided, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal, EPSDT, and other Special Education funding is submitted for reimbursement. SELPA pays the match component as required by Medi-Cal and any unreimbursed cost associated with the service.

Since the school districts are interested in having staff on-site the entire school day, each School District will provide reimbursement to the County for any unreimbursed costs that were not provided by SELPA for educationally related mental health services. This would equate to any time staff or contractor was present but did not provide a specific mental health service that is billable to Medi-Cal or third party payor. Both the AUSD and the SLCUSD contracts stipulate a potential reimbursement amount of \$20,000 each and the LMUSD contract stipulates a potential reimbursement amount of \$15,000 for a collective potential reimbursement amount not to exceed \$55,000.

RESULTS

FY 2011-12 ED Services Provided

School District	# Children Served	# Medi-Cal / EPSDT Funded
AUSD	25	25
LMUSD	18	18
SLCUSD	35	21
Total	97	78

FY 2011-12 ED Measurable Outcomes

School District	% Children Avoiding Out of Home Placement	% Children Avoiding Suspension or Expulsion	% Children Avoiding Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization
AUSD	95%	64%	91%
LMUSD	100%	100%	100%
SLCUSD	69%	63%	83%

The primary goal of the collaborative efforts is to help children remain in their homes and the community, while receiving the most appropriate education. The educationally related mental health services provided under these contracts with SELPA and the School Districts are part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. By providing the most appropriate services to the clients, positive treatment outcomes are supported as well as strides toward the achievement of the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. AUSD, LMUSD, SLCUSD FY 12-13 ED Class Contract Renewals Clerk's Filed Cover Sheet